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# July Dates to Remember in District History

**1916** - Up to 15 inches of rain fell in the French Broad River basin near Ashville, NC., washing out numerous roads and bridges. By year's end, Nashville District had repaired or rebuilt 90 miles of roadway and several bridges using hired labor. Nearly \$16,000.00 of the \$30,000.00 allotted for the work was returned to the U.S. Treasury.

**1942, July 1** - Nashville District military construction projects a) Berry Hills Air Crew Classification Center and b) Stewart Air Force Base open for business.

**1946, July 24** - Rivers & Harbors Act of 1946 authorizes construction of Old Hickory, Carthage (Cordell Hull) and Celina Dams. Celina was later de-authorized.

**1954, July 30** - 2,000 people watch in 100 degree heat as 10,000 pounds of explosives are used to demolish Lock A. People in small boats gather 600 pounds of fish that float to the surface after the blast. The lock was removed shortly before the dedication of the Cheatham project.

**1958, July 2** -Congress changes the name of Stewart's Ferry Reservoir project to J. Percy Priest.

**1964, July 6** - Nashville District Engineer Colonel James Newman and

Congressman Joe Evins break ground for Cordell Hull Lock & Dam.



Laurel Dam during construction.

**1972, July 30** - Laurel Dam Completed.

**1988, July 24** - Phase One, the \$795,000 contract for an access road and boat launching area at Piney Grove was finished.

**1994, July 22** - Children learned about Old Hickory Project when WZTV, Channel 17, Fox Network, broadcast its quarterly program, Kids Stuff. Jim Martens, field producer; Jimmy Daye, cameraman; Tim Hall, technical support; and Colin Begley, co-host of Kids Stuff, videotaped "standups" with Colin and footage of the power plant, lock and dam for the four- to five-minute segment of the program.

**1996, July 26** - For the first time in the history of the Corps of Engineers,

Wilson Lock uses a Caisson type Barge as its Upper Gate to allow use of the lock during repairs.

## Operation USO Seeks Care Packages

The United Service Organizations (USO) has created a care package program to boost morale among troops participating in Operation Enduring Freedom. These care packages contain an assortment of items our military has requested, such as prepaid international calling cards, disposable cameras, toiletries and sunscreen. They also include greetings from the American public, transcribed by hand onto official Operation USO Care Package postcards.

How Can You Help?

Donate \$25 toward one Operation USO Care Package for a deployed service member. There are two ways to donate:

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2. Send your check and greeting to:  
**USO  
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Arlington, VA 22210**

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## Check Your Blood Pressure Now

The National High Blood Pressure Education Program has released new guidelines for “prehypertension”.

Prehypertension is now considered to be 120-139 (systolic- the top number) and 80-89 (diastolic- the bottom number). Optimal is now considered to be under 120/80. Over 30% of Americans have high blood pressure and don’t know it. The higher your blood

pressure, the higher your risk of heart disease and stroke.

Come by the Federal Employee Health Unit any day and find out what your numbers are.

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Photo by Tiffany Hedrick

## On the Cover

Jessica Benefield, daughter of Johnny and Terri Benefield, from Hickman County, Tenn., proudly displays the first-place ribbon she captured June 13 by winning the sack race at the 2003 Engineer Day Picnic at Old Hickory’s Rockland Recreation Area. More than 540 employees and family members enjoyed the day’s activities. For full story, see pages 6 and 7.

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# Corps Helps Students Explore Adventure Camp

By Larry Forte

Armed with full-size posters, colorized historical photographs, and a ‘hands-on’ demonstration generator, two members of the District Hydropower Training Program arrived at Rose Park Magnet School for Math and Science on Tuesday, June 4.

Larry Cole and Carol Stanek-Markel spoke to a group of 40 middle-school students in the Rose Park Library. Their audience included campers who already knew something about electromagnetism and hydropower, but also some who had no prior knowledge of the subject. By the

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end of the program, most campers had jumped up and volunteered to “turn the crank” on the demonstration model or had asked a number of questions about dams and how they work.

Stanek-Markel reviewed the basics of construction and the many reasons for building huge structures to hold back large amounts of water. Cole took students through the steps of generating power and distributing it to be used in a residential area. Throughout their remarks, both used student-friendly audiovisual aids such as giant framed photographs and step-by-step construction photos from the building of Old Hickory Dam.

As a follow-up activity, since many students learn best by doing, each camper built a model dam that included a step-up transformer, transmission tower, and power lines. This 3-D building project reinforced how power produced from a

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they gave each other. They were definitely competitive (and knew the rules better than we did), but that was the best display of sportsmanship I have ever witnessed.”

Kimberly Spicer was awed by what she witnessed. “I was so amazed,” said Spicer, “at the harmony and love each participant showed for each other. They were very proud of what they did, they sought to do



Photo by Carol Stanek-Markel

District Hydropower Program Trainee Larry Cole shows 40 students from Rose Park Middle School the inner workings of a hydro-power turbine May 4. Each ‘camper’ then built a model dam that included a step-up transformer, transmission tower and power lines. Davidson County’s newest magnet middle school will begin a partnership this fall with Adventure Science Center where they will participate in many such “hands on” projects.

dam is carried to—and used by—homes and businesses.

According to Rose Park Magnet School Principal Brent Hurst, the school will employ a “hands-on” approach to learning, designed to help students become “self-starters” and inquisitive thinkers. Metro Nashville/Davidson County’s newest magnet middle school will begin a partnership this fall with Adventure Science Center (formerly Cumberland Science Museum) for a number of long-term projects and Hurst

and the Adventure Camp were pleased to have the Nashville District Hydropower Training Program begin such “hands-on” learning. 🏠



**Wear your Life Jacket this summer! They float, you don’t!**

their very best, but they showed outstanding respect for one another. It was truly a pleasure to interact with them.”

Over lunch together, all we could talk about were competitors we had met and things they had said. After lunch, we witnessed medal presentations. It was amazing to see the joy a thin piece of metal and a ribbon can bring to someone, regardless of the color of the medal. But what was even more amazing was the fact that the smiles extended out to faces of

those who weren’t wearing a ribbon. They were just athletes just happy to compete.

“What a positive experience!” said Brad Bishop. “I gained a greater perspective of life that day.” When two things collide, the one with the most influence will always alter the path of the other. I’m glad my world collided with that of the people I met that day. May we all see value in winning, but also see value in others winning. Let us just be happy to compete! 🏠



# The Corps Crowd

## Congratulations to . . .

...Richard Puckett, operations manager, and his wife, Ann, on the birth of their first grandson, Harrison Puckett Pryor, born May 22. The proud parents are John and Tecia, Richard and Ann’s oldest daughter.

...Beth Adcock and Jeff Bowman on their marriage May 24. Beth is the daughter of Charlene and Ranger Mike Adcock, Center Hill Lake.

... Elaine Bustillos, whose daughter, Susannah Michele, was married to Andrew Brett McMahan on Sunday, June 22.

## Farewell to... .

...Todd Boatman, Planning Branch, whose last day in the Nashville District was July 3. Todd accepted the position of Continuing Authorities Program Manager (GS-13) in the Mobile District.

## Welcome to... .

...Channika Williams, new student aide in the Equal Employment Opportunity Office. Williams is a student at Tennessee State University.

...Paul Kelly, Center Hill Lake. Kelly is a Co-op Ranger who worked at J. Percy Priest prior to joining the staff at Center Hill.

## Sympathy to. . . .

...the family of Louie Binkley, a derrick boat operator with the Nashville District, who passed away suddenly on June 8 at the age of 43. He is survived by his mother Jeannette Binkley, a sister Martha Dowlen & a brother Michael Binkley. Louie was an outstanding derrickboat operator and model employee. During his career he consistently performed outstanding work at and on all the locks & dams on both the Cumberland and Tennessee Rivers. He



**The National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF) donates \$1,575 to the Friends of Dale Hollow June 16 at Dale Hollow Lake. The money will be used to purchase a seeder that will allow Rangers to sow more than 100 acres of mud flats with winter wheat during the winter draw-down season to enhance wildlife habitat. Dale Hollow Lake partners with TWRA and the NWTF to sow the wheat. When the lake comes up in late winter and early spring, the wheat also provides a source of cover for aquatic organisms and small fish. Pictured are (from left) Dana Kirby, Friends of Dale Hollow, Kim and Frank Passeretti, Tennessee Chapter of the NWTF, Ranger Greg Nivens and Dale Hollow Resource Manager Ronnie Smith.**

represented the Nashville District in a stellar manner when assigned to other districts, especially as our representative to the LRD gatelifter operational team, always willing to assist new & subordinate employees in the performance of their assigned tasks & training. He cheerfully accepted various assignments outside the scope of his normal duties, never complaining. He always adjusted his personal schedule to make himself available to handle whatever needed to be done. Louie Binkley was the consummate employee that every member of the workforce respected and admired; he was totally dedicated to his family, country and to the United States Army Corps of Engineers. ...Mildred Cabaniss, Budget Tech for ETR/A, whose granddaughter, Nikki Greathouse, passed away on Monday June 9. ...Bob Boyd, Lock and Dam operator at Kentucky Lock, whose father, Floyd Boyd, passed away June 3. ...the family of Omaha District geologist Timothy Jensen, age 40, who passed away June 1. He was from Springfield, Tenn. ...the family of Henry Shumaker, Barkley Power Plant Senior Mechanic, whose father passed away Sunday, June 1st.

... to the family and friends of Corps retiree James E. Lannom, Jr., age 71, who passed away June 12. Lannom retired from the Hydropower Branch, Operations Division, in 1992 after a 38-year federal service career. ...the family of Chuck Tidwell, IM contractor, whose father, William (Bill) Tidwell, passed away June 15. ...the family of Marva Strong Morris, District EEO Officer, whose mother, Gladys Cain Strong, passed away June 17. ...the family of Diann Farmer, RM-M, whose mother, Virginia Turner, passed away Sunday, June 15.

## Get Well to...

...Mason Rowland, the three-year-old son of Terra Baum, niece of Janet Hines, Operations Division. Mason will undergo heart surgery at Vanderbilt Children’s Hospital later this month and blood donations of “O negative” have been requested. His surgery was rescheduled due to a case of strep throat. If you are not “O negative”, they will take any type toward the amount of blood Mason will need during the operation. Janet thanks you for your help. 🏠

## Lieutenant Colonel Steve Gay

# The Bottom Line

Hello to everyone in the Nashville District and welcome to LTC Jorns and his family!

It is with a great deal of sadness that I write my last column and leave the

District. However, I take great comfort in knowing that the Army has selected LTC Jorns to serve as your District Engineer. If you treat him half as nicely as you have treated me.... he is going to love his time serving you and the District.

Thanks to all of you for your help in putting together an awesome retirement

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dinner and retirement and change of command ceremonies. Thanks also for your service to the U.S. Army, the Corps of Engineers, and especially for your friendship. Lisa, Wesley, Nicole, and I have thoroughly enjoyed our assignment in the Nashville District because of you.

Two years ago, LTC Pete Taylor told me that in being selected to command the Nashville District, I had just won the lottery. Pete was right.... I have thoroughly enjoyed serving with each of you! As your DE, I constantly received



compliments on the District’s hospitality, ability to accomplish, desire to improve, and willingness to learn. You have made me proud to serve as your District Engineer and I thank you!

As Lisa, Wesley, Nicole, and I have settled in the Clarksville area, I very much look forward to seeing you in the future at a picnic or other open District functions. So, until we meet again, please know that you have not only helped make my last two years of military service my most rewarding and enjoyable, but also that because of you I achieved my goal of having a good day....everyday! 🏠

# June Employee of the Month

Gerald Choat, a Civil Engineering Technician in the Navigation Branch of Operations Division, was named Nashville District Employee of the Month for June.

Choat always performs his duties in an outstanding manner, but his efforts during the planning stages of the Wilson dewatering deserve special recognition. He had all material, equipment and contractors



Gerald Choat

on-site prior to the closure to ensure that work proceeded on schedule. Wilson Lock is one of the highest-lift locks in the nation and presents challenging problems during every dewatering. Planning for the dewatering was

complicated by the threat of extremely high water due to the record-breaking heavy rains in the area. Structural repairs on the lower gates were critical tasks to be completed. This work requires the lock chamber to be fully dewatered. During the closure, Choat had scheduled work to be performed on the lower gates first just in case the heavy rain caused the chamber to flood out. When this did happen, his pre-planning ensured that all work below tailwater was accomplished prior to the flooding of the lock chamber. Workers then were able to accomplish the remaining scheduled work for this closure in a timely manner. His efforts ensured that not only did the work proceed on time, but the lock was reopened nearly four days early. Employees selected for Employee of the Month always personify the seven Army values of loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity, and personal courage. 🏠



# Writer Floats the Cumberland Like the Indians Did It

by Tiffany Hedrick

The month of June is known for many things. It marks the official beginnings of both summer and the vacation season. Many people choose to relax during this month, visiting resorts in exotic locations like the Hawaiian Islands. Kim Trevathan, a writer from East Tennessee, decided to take an unusual trip this year. He spent the month of June canoeing down the Cumberland River with his friend and photographer Randy Russell.

Some people might think a “tame” river like the Cumberland would not be challenging or interesting. Trevathan and Russell would heartily disagree. They recalled several unique experiences on their trek. For example, they spent some time crouching under their canoe in a cornfield below Celina, Tenn., to escape 55-60 mph winds. In a campground near Lake Cumberland, in Kentucky, they discovered an outdoor shrine, complete with religious pictures, benches, and an altar.

Their trip has not been all adventures, though. In fact, Trevathan said his experiences locking through the dams on the Cumberland have been both smooth and easy.

“Corps of Engineers personnel running the locks at Cordell Hull, Old Hickory, and Cheatham were knowledgeable and did an excellent job,” said the canoeist and author as he headed for Barkley Lock, known by many as the gateway to the Cumberland.

Trevathan said his biggest struggle during the trip was the Cumberland’s flat water. The long summer days and endless expanses of the river presented him with challenges, both physical and psychological. Russell said he had been much more uneasy at the idea of having to portage around Wolf Creek Dam, which has no lock. Russell’s anxiety melted away when they met a security guard near the dam, who helped them get around it more easily.

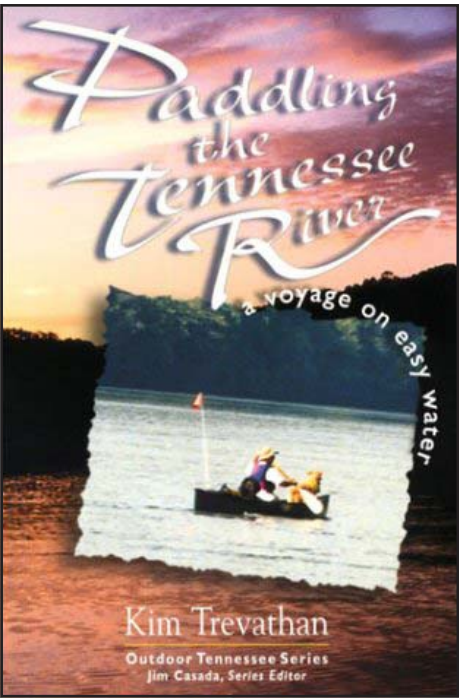
Trevathan is no stranger to major canoe trips. In September of 1998, he and his dog Jasper took a similar trip down the Tennessee River. His travels became the basis for a book entitled, *Paddling the Tennessee River: A Voyage on Easy Water*. Trevathan intends to turn



Photo by Lockmaster Gerald Cunningham

**Author/explorer Kim Trevathan (left) and photographer Randy Russell lock through the final Corps of Engineers structure on the lower reaches of the Cumberland River after canoeing downstream from the headwaters in far-eastern Kentucky, their second such trek through the area which is the responsibility of the Nashville District. The pair are unsure of future plans to repeat the venture on other rivers.**

his journey down the Cumberland into a travelogue as well. He said he enjoys



**Kim Trevathan’s book about his first trek.**

that style of writing because it gives him an unusual perspective from which to

“Corps of Engineers personnel . . . did an excellent job”

discuss an area’s history and culture.

Although the book about his Cumberland River journey will follow a similar format to one detailing his Tennessee River trip, he emphasized how different the content will be. He said canoeing the Cumberland River seemed natural after his trip down the Tennessee but that even he had been surprised at the contrast between the two rivers. When asked if he plans to do another river trip, Trevathan replied that he and Russell had been discussing it but had no definite plans yet.

“I really like this,” Trevathan said, “but we’ll see.” 🏡

# Chief of Engineers Message

I know that many of you are concerned about the strategic sourcing program currently underway in the Corps, and the impact the Army Third Wave and the President’s Management Agenda will have on your jobs and organizations. I just wanted to let you know what is going on in this area.

We will begin implementing our strategic sourcing plan this summer to meet the requirements of the President’s Management Agenda. To satisfy the requirements issued through the Office of Management and Budget, we must begin to review and compete a number of functions this fiscal year. We are still developing our plan and must brief the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), the Army, and Congress before proceeding. But as soon as I can, I will share the details of our plan with you.

Because this is such a complex issue that will impact every member of the Corps, I am establishing a Strategic

Sourcing Program Office directly reporting to the Deputy Commanding General, and I will personally stay in the loop every step of the way. The office’s mission is the continued planning and implementation of our strategic sourcing initiative. More importantly, my intent is to ensure that the initiative is implemented fairly and consistently throughout the Corps.

It is important for every member of the Corps to understand that this initiative is real. As we begin our studies and compete functions, some positions may end up being contracted out. I cannot predict the outcomes of the individual studies, but I can tell you that in the end, the Army Corps of Engineers will be a more cost effective organization.

I remain committed to supporting the President’s Management Agenda and the Army’s Third Wave. And I am also committed to maintaining the integrity and viability of the Corps, and protecting



**Lt. Gen. Bob Flowers**

the rights of every one of our members. I pledge that our process will be open and fair to all. You can keep up with the latest on the Corps web site: <http://www.hq.usace.army.mil/cepa/compsource/compsource.htm> and I will keep you informed as events progress.

Essayons!  
**Bob Flowers**

# Just a Game of Horseshoes? . . . Perhaps Not

by Caleb Skinner

The game was horseshoes, but the lessons learned by the 2003 Leadership Development Class ran much deeper than a game.

As the 2003 class members walked onto the field May 17 as volunteers at the Special Olympics in Nashville, we had no idea our lives were about to change, forever. We could have volunteered as a group for other things but for some strange reason that event pulled our attention. Now we all see why.

At the scorer’s table we got our job assignments. Some were made scorers, some judges, some callers, but others got more important jobs like clappers, and huggers. We soon discovered that we would all get to be clappers and huggers, regardless of job assignment.

James Sowell introduced us to an athlete we would not forget. His name was Josh and his primary mission was

to say “Hi!” and thank us for being there. As the rules were explained, I began to realize how much I didn’t know about horseshoes. These folks took the game seriously and athletes knew as much about the game as any of the officials. Apparently, all had practiced all year just for this day. They would tell us whom they competed with the year before and why they did or didn’t switch partners. It wasn’t long before horseshoes began to fly. Competitors gave it their all, amid cheers and applause that made us all do a double-take.



**Caleb Skinner, (left) Josh, and Jerry Lee celebrate victory!**

When an athlete came up to pitch, the opposition would cheer for them like they were best friends although they were competing against each other! The pureness of heart I witnessed was amazing. I’m not sure I had ever seen such selflessness, such love for a complete stranger. Sure, they wanted to win but they realized they were still winners even if they didn’t pitch a ringer.

What would it be like if we all cheered when someone did something good and comforted them in hard times? What would it be like to lose and still win, or

win and share that excitement with everyone? These folks knew. They were living it out right there in front of us! Throughout the day, athletes would walk by, arms around each other, content in their performance, just happy to compete.

“The one thing that struck me most,” said Todd Boatman, “was the support (See Horseshoes Page 11)



# New Rule, Law Will Focus on Water Safety

*Life Jackets*  
by Dave Treadway

The United States Coast Guard’s Life Jacket Rule, which went into effect Dec. 23, 2002, requires all children under 13 years of age to wear Coast Guard approved life jackets, while aboard recreational vessels underway, except when the children are below decks or in an enclosed cabin.

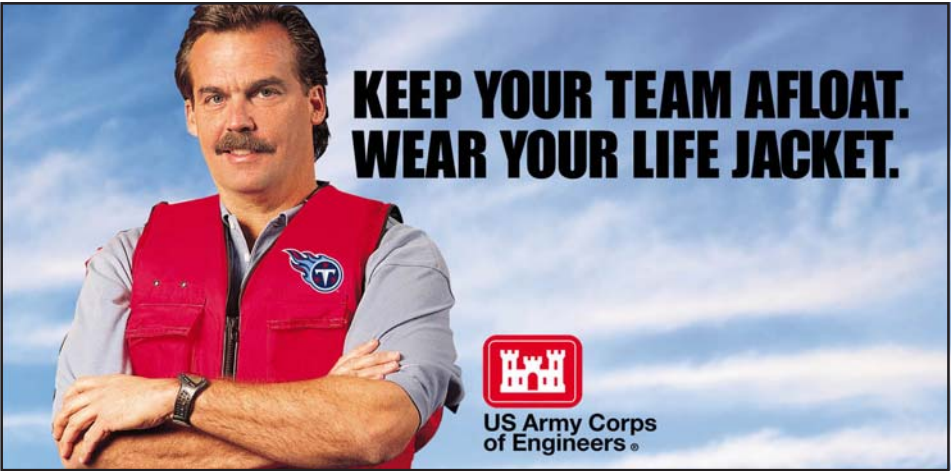
This rule was created to address the problem of childhood drownings while boating. Between 1995 - 2001, 210 children in the U.S. under the age of 13 died while boating. One hundred and twenty one (121) of them died as a result of drowning. Most of these deaths could have been prevented if the child had been wearing a properly fitting life jacket.

This rule affects only those States that have not established requirements, by statute or rule, for children to wear life jackets. For the remaining states, the rule recognizes and adopts the existing state regulation, even if it is less stringent.

Tennessee boating law requires children - ages 12 and under to wear a personal floatation device (PFD), while in a boat that is “underway”. Boats on the water are considered “underway” except when they are anchored, tied to a bank, or moored at a dock. A boat doesn’t have to be under the power of a motor for the law to apply. A boat is considered “underway” even if the boat is just drifting. The law exempts children that are inside living quarters on cruisers or houseboats.

Under the provisions of the Tennessee law, the operator of the boat has the responsibility to see that children wear their life preserver. It is the boat operator who will be cited for violation of the law if children are observed without a life jacket.

“Statistics show that life jackets save lives — but only when they are worn,” said Captain Scott Evans, chief of the U.S. Coast Guard’s Boating Safety Office in Washington, D.C. “Children customarily wear protective gear when rollerblading, skateboarding, and bicycling, and similar precautions are in order on the water. The Life Jacket Rule



Tennessee Titans Coach Jeff Fisher partnered with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to donate his time on a billboard project to draw attention to water safety. The billboards will be posted throughout middle Tennessee.

was proposed to make sure that there is a life jacket rule in all states.”

Penalties for a boat operator who fails to have all children under the age of 13 wear a life jacket are similar to those for failing to have life jackets on board. Penalties may be assessed up to a maximum of \$1,100 for each violation.

The United States Coast Guard published the Interim Rule June 24, 2002, in the Federal Register, and in cooperation with states, conducted an education and public awareness phase that

## Governor Signs Law

by Dave Treadway  
A new law signed June 4 by Gov. Phil Bredesen will change the rules for operation of watercraft on Tennessee’s lakes and rivers, effective Jan. 1, 2005.

On that date, the law will require people born after Jan. 1, 1989 who are operating a boat or other craft on Tennessee waters to show proof of successful completion of a nationally approved boating safety course accepted by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA). The certificate will be issued by TWRA and a \$10 fee will be charged for this certificate. People born before that date will be exempt.

Ed Carter, chief of boating at the TWRA, the agency responsible for

regulating boating, said traffic has increased on the state’s waterways. “We’ve seen increased boating traffic, as well as increases in the size and horsepower of boats. Because of these increases, we feel some kind of minimum education should be placed on the operator of the boat.”

His agency reported 182 boating accidents in Tennessee, and almost one-third involved collisions between two boats. Operators of 14 craft were under the age of 18.

Carolyn Bauer, Nashville’s proponent for water safety, welcomed the new law. “We are delighted this has been passed,” said Bauer, “and will spread the word in our (water safety) programs. This law is a definite plus in making our lakes safer, but it will not directly affect the way we do business.” For full story, see <http://www.lrn.usace.army.mil/pao/digest/>.

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# Young Fishermen Try Their Luck at New Sport

Story & photos by Dave Treadway

More than 70 youngsters from the Joe C. Davis YMCA enjoyed a day of free fishing at J. Percy Priest Lake June 11, thanks to the efforts of Bass Pro Shops, the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Brian James, Todd St. John, and Ben Derrick used a TWRA watercraft to collect several fish species from the lake and displayed them in a tank for youngsters to examine up close. The fish were then released back into J. Percy Priest Lake.

Lock Springer of Franklin, Tenn., touched the teeth of a large bass and decided it felt just like sandpaper.

Brenda O’Brien and five other representatives helped Bass Pro Shops sponsor the first JPP Rodeo, organized primarily by Ranger Justin Reed. Bass Pro supplied tackle for each of the kids as well as a wide range of door prizes and loot for Fish Rodeo winners.

Twelve-year-old Patrick O’Donnell of Nashville won a combination rod and reel, a huge fish pillow, and a soft tackle box for landing the biggest catch, a 12-inch channel catfish.

Rain threatened as the youngsters arrived but they were still able to get in some angling, many for the first time,



Brenda O’Brien rigs tackle so everyone will have something to fish with.



Locke Springer examines a largemouth bass up close and discovers that its teeth feels just like sandpaper.

then were briefed on water safety devices by Corps representative Carolyn Bauer, on fishing tackle/rigging techniques by Ranger Mark Vaughan, on species identification by TWRA reps Brian James, Todd St. John, and Ben Derrick, and on fishing techniques by Bass Pro anglers.

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“Fishing was fun,” said Locke Springer of Franklin, Tenn., “much more so than stuff we can do at the ‘Y’. I’m glad I came today.”

Brandon Hotsinpiller, of Mt. Juliet, was quick to agree. “I caught a bluegill, not the biggest fish, but big enough to win a prize!”

Four other Cumberland River Basin projects hosted children during Tennessee’s Free Fishing Week. Cheatham Lake, Dale Hollow Lake, Lake Barkley, and Lake Cumberland entertained children on Saturday, June 7, the beginning of Tennessee’s Free Fishing Week.

Cheatham Lake welcomed 137 children ages 6 to 15 to their “Fish Bustin’ Rodeo” where the winner caught 32 pounds of fish during the course of the day at Lock A Campground. Dale Hollow Lake helped the National Fish Hatchery and TWRA host 244 children, who were given a chance to catch a trout, many for the first time. Lake Cumberland helped U.S. Fish and

Wildlife Service host 1,300 children at the 17<sup>th</sup> annual “Catch a Rainbow” Kids Derby. The total was a record turnout. Lake Barkley helped the city of Cadiz, Ky., entertain 247 children for a free fishing day at the Cadiz Campground.

The week beginning June 7 was set aside as a time when a traditional license is not required for children to fish. 🐟



Brad Hotsinpiller proudly displays a bluegill at J. Percy Priest Lake.



# It's a Red, White, & Blue 2003 Picnic



Jeff Ross (above right) of the Operations "Enchworms" slams the ball over the net to score another point and advance to the finals where they were bested in a very close contest by the Planning team. In the horseshoe tournament, the "Marine Team" of Bill Bennett and Dave Treadway captured first-place and custom-made trophies by besting the team of Maxie Covington and Jim Hughes. But the children (right) were the real winners as they played games in the sunshine and enjoyed ice cream after lunch.



*Photos by Tiffany Hedrick and Dave Treadway*

**S**unshine blessed the 2003 Engineer Day Picnic June 13 as more than 540 employees and family members gathered at Old Hickory Lake's Rockland Recreation Area to have fun, enjoy a great meal together, play games, honor four distinguished retirees, and generally relax.

Friday the 13th proved lucky for the Volleyball Planning team, the Marine Horseshoe team, the Time-Relay team of Travis Wiley/Mark Klimaszewski/Tadd Potter, and 12-year-old Jessica Benefield, who won the Sack Race.

Bill Bennett and Charlie

Bryan provided picnickers with a close up look at equipment used by the Nashville District Dive Team as they inspect underwater structures in both the Cumberland and Tennessee River Basins.

The Dunking Booth attracted lots of attention as folks tried to send Tiffany Hedrick, Stacy Bennett, Dana Gill, Mandy Sage, and Maj. Bob Pegg into the water tank. The group raised \$178 for the Management Sponsored Activity Committee, the funding agency for the picnic event.

Employees were honored with time-in-service awards following a tasty lunch topped off with cake and ice cream.



George Groghan helps prepare fresh corn on the cob.



Bill Bennett shows off equipment used by the dive team.



Retirees Ron Raines (from left above), Janet Caffey, Jerry Rainer and Dan Hall were honored as Distinguished Civilian Employees and a youngster (below) gets a painless 'paint' tattoo.

